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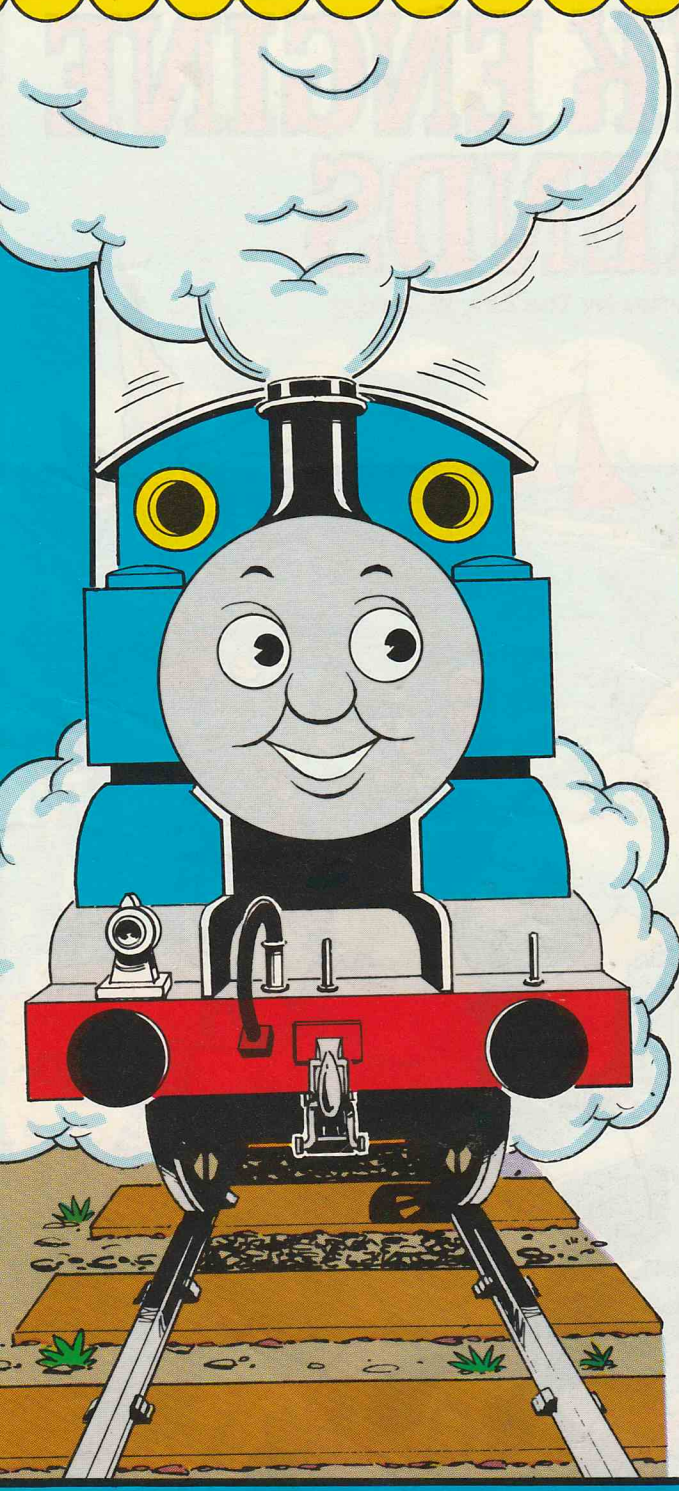

Peep! Peep! Thomas is a very useful engine and always works very hard for the Fat Controller! It is summertime on the Island of Sodor and Thomas is asked to carry more passengers than usual. However, on this occasion, poor Thomas runs out of steam! Who will carry the extra passengers to their destination? You can find out when you read our first story on page 3! You'll enjoy our second story too, when James finds out why trucks can be so difficult to pull! Oh, dear! That will never do!

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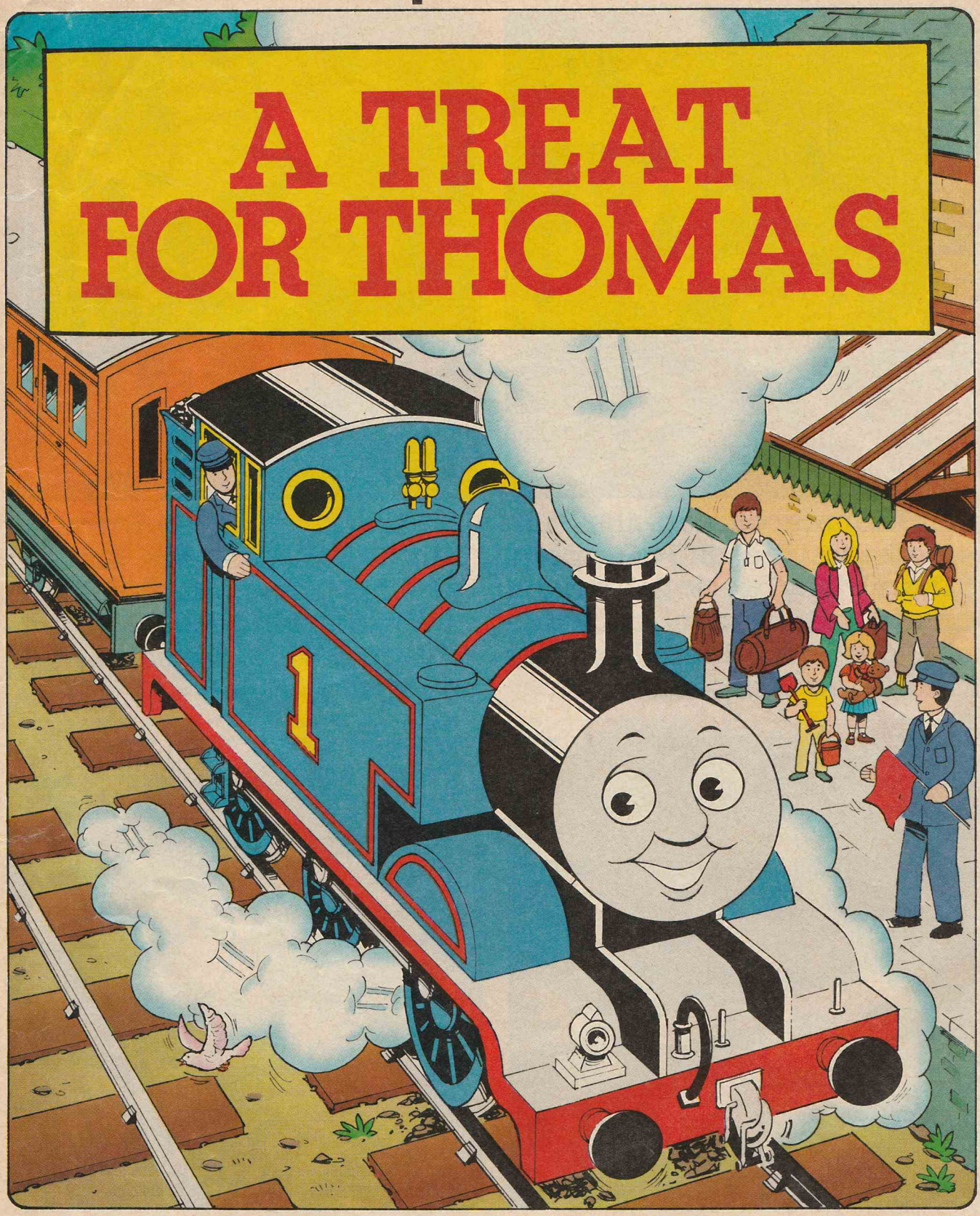
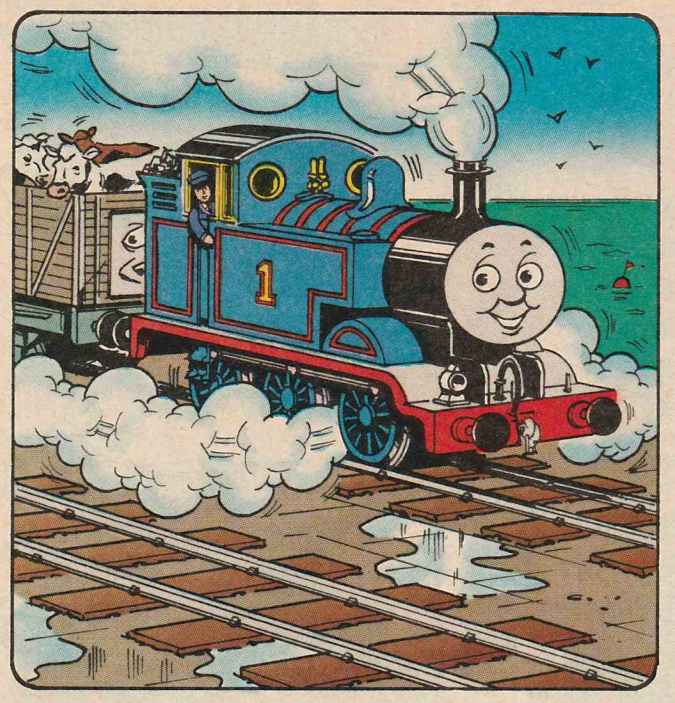
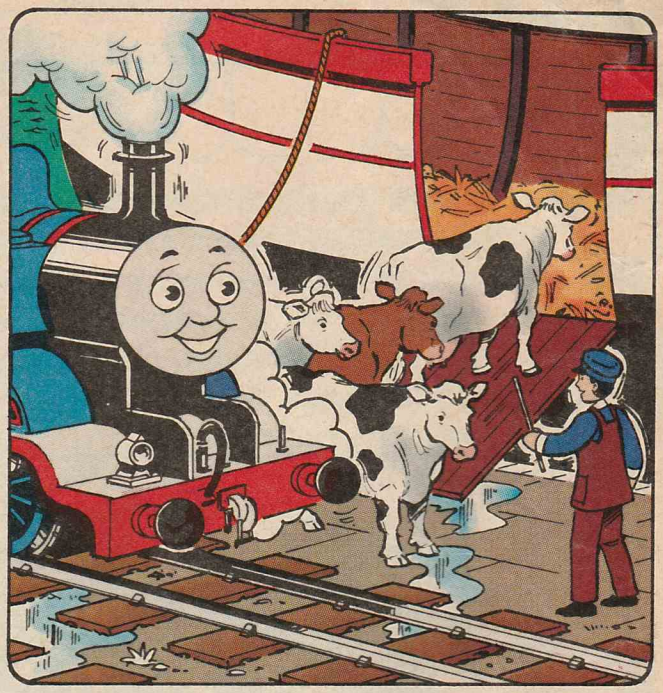


1. Thomas had never been so busy. Lots of holidaymakers had arrived, so the Fat Controller asked Thomas to pull an extra train each day to carry them all.

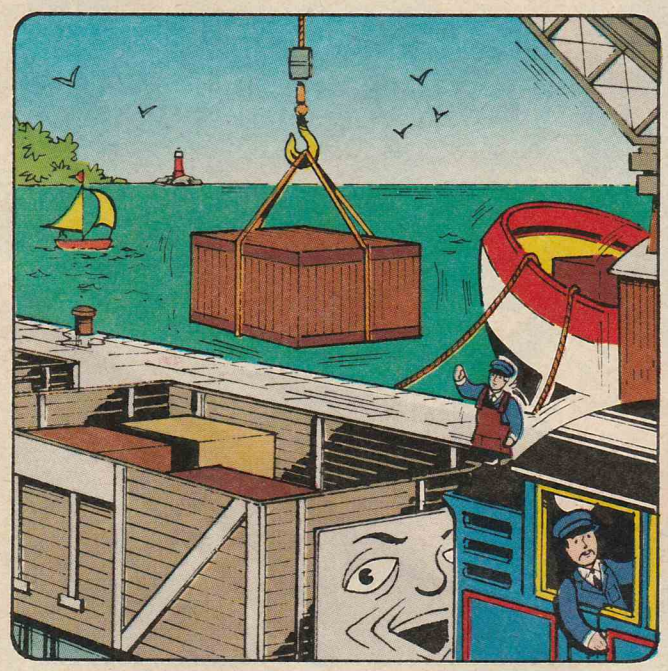
2. Thomas had to pull extra trucks too, as the hill farmers wanted to sell sheep and cattle at the market on the mainland. They were herded into Thomas's trucks as well.



3. Thomas carried the animals to the Big Harbour. There, they were herded off and loaded on to ships due for the mainland. Thomas made lots of trips each day.

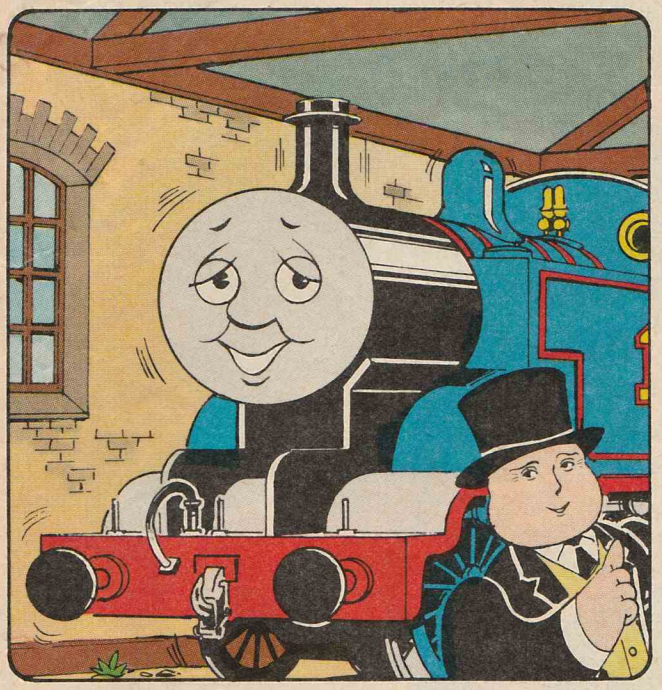


4. "I'm rushed off my wheels!" puffed Thomas. No sooner were his trucks emptied than they were loaded up again with goods that the ships had brought.

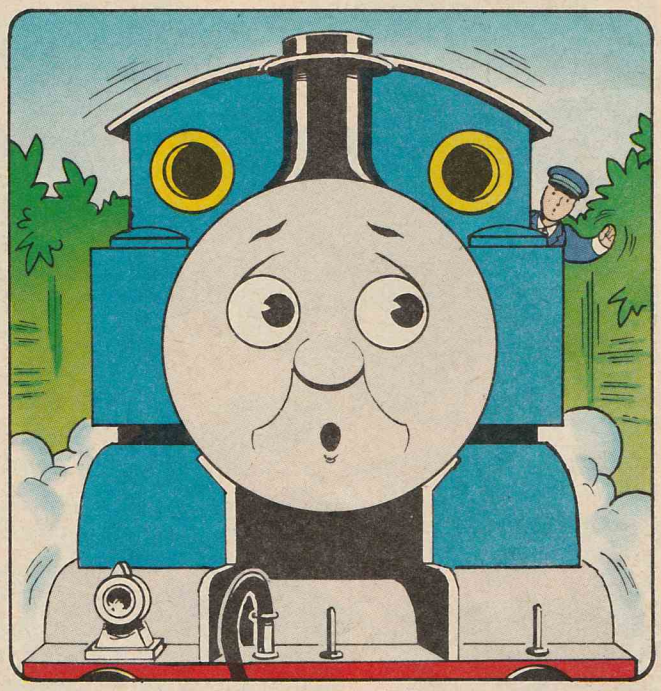


5. A big crane lifted the goods out of the hold of a ship on to Thomas's trucks. "I will be very pleased when I have finished all of my work today!" thought Thomas.

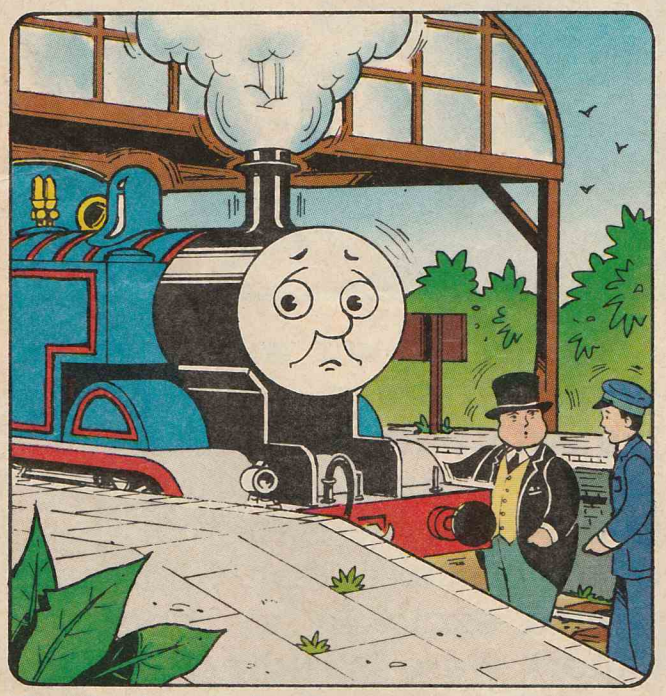
6. As Thomas rolled into the shed that evening, the Fat Controller arrived "Don't forget you are to pull the post train tomorrow morning, Thomas," he said.



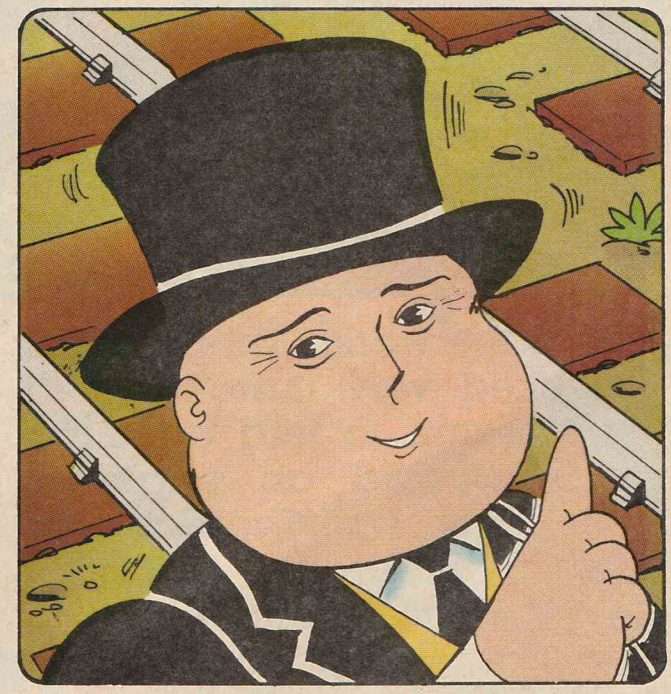
7. "I haven't forgotten," sighed Thomas. "You will have to leave very early," the Fat Controller told Thomas. "There are extra postbags to deliver to the stations."



8. The next morning, Thomas felt very tired indeed. He chugged along very slowly. It was hard for him to get up steam. "I'm all puffed out," he said, wearily.



9. "I don't feel very well," he told his driver. As soon as Thomas had delivered the postbags, he went back to the Main Station. His driver went to see the Fat Controller.



10. "Thomas must be ill!" said the Fat Controller. "Take him to the Maintenance Shed to be checked over. Daisy can carry Thomas's passengers until he is better again!"

11. At the works, Thomas was checked very thoroughly. "I can't seem to find anything wrong," said an engineer. "I'm sorry, sir," Thomas told the Fat Controller. "I think I know what's wrong with you, Thomas," replied the Fat Controller. "You have been working too hard! I am going to give you a treat. You can pull the Seaside Special!"

12. "The sea air will do you good, Thomas," continued the Fat Controller. Soon, Thomas was running along the line beside the beach. It was a lovely, sunny day. Children waved excitedly to Thomas. Others were building sandcastles and paddling in the sea. Thomas enjoyed seeing the fun fair most of all! "I feel better already!" he whistled.

THE END

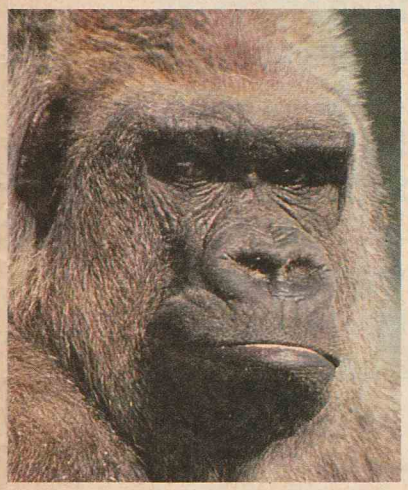
In our next issue: Gordon and Harold!

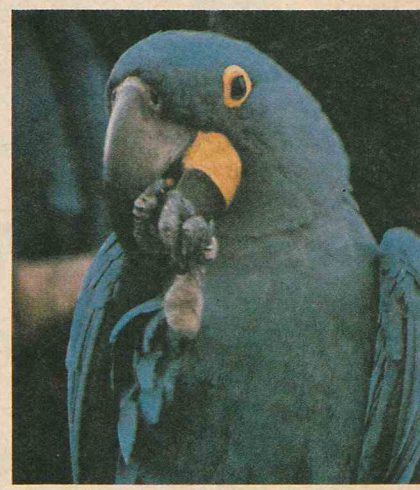
World Animal day

Oct. 4

October 4th is WORLD ANIMAL DAY, and to commemorate this special event we are giving away some fantastic prizes! It's time for all you budding artists out there to put pen to paper and show us what you can do! Three lucky first prize winners will receive a terrific cuddly tiger and a trendy tiger T-shirt from the World Wide Fund For Nature. And for ten runners up there will be a tiger T-shirt and fact wheel!

World Animal Day commemorates Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals. On this day people from all over the world are urged to do something special for, or pay tribute to, animals and the role they play in our lives.





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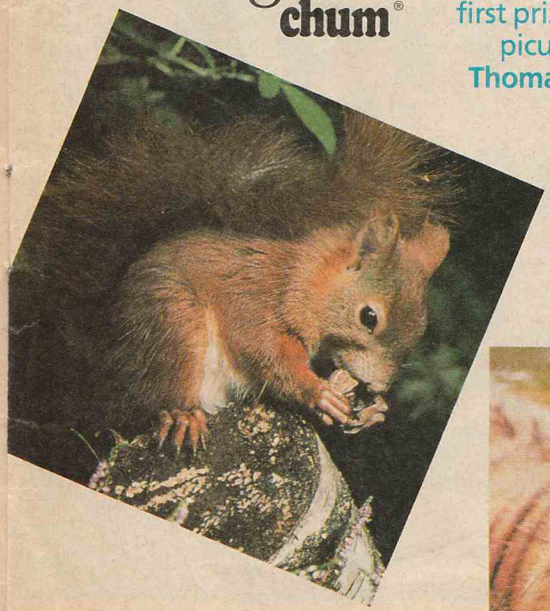

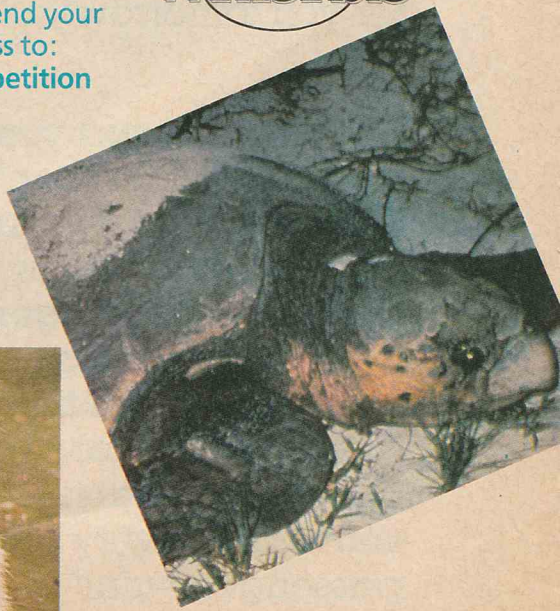

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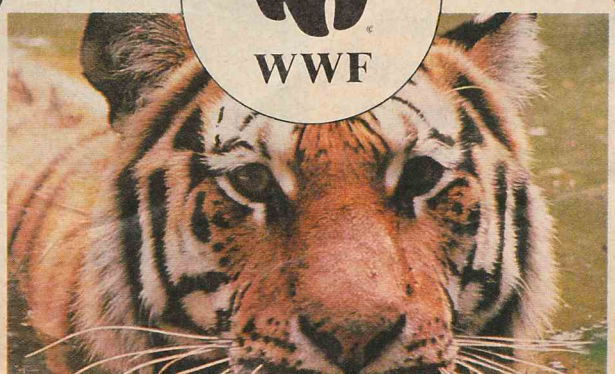


An Outing for James

James was working in the yard with Edward.

"I have been pulling trucks all week long," he complained. "A splendid engine like myself should be pulling fine coaches!"

"Don't complain to me," said Edward. "You should speak to the Fat Controller!"

"Very well," said James, "I will!"

Just then, the Fat Controller came into the yard.

"Hello, sir," called James, feeling less confident now.

"Good morning, James," said the Fat Controller. "I have a job for you tomorrow."

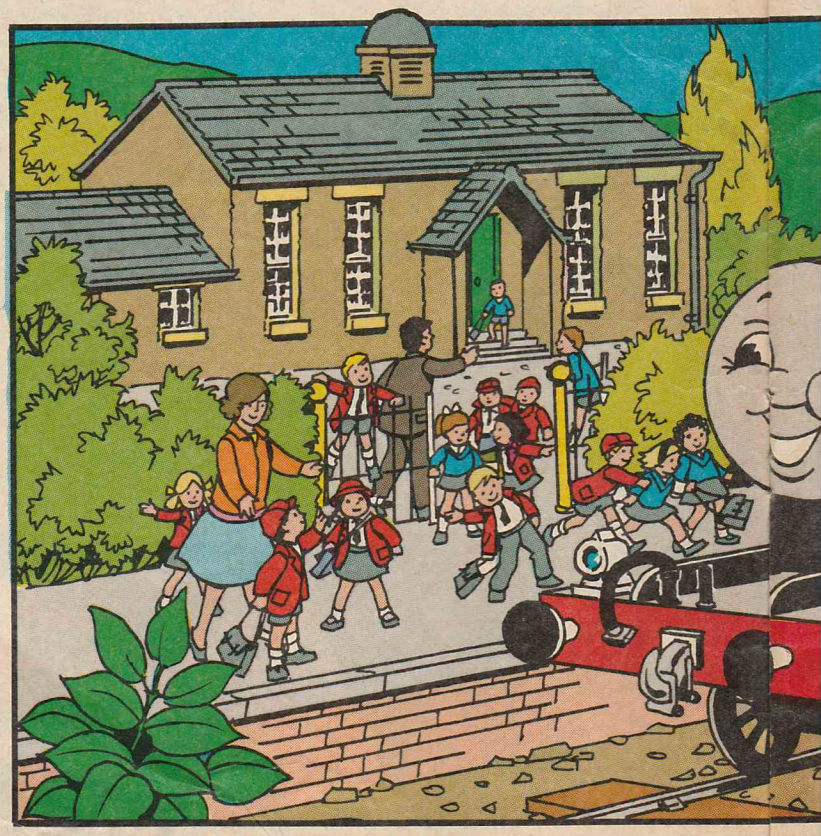
"Oh, thank you, sir." said James, happily. "I do hope it is pulling a passenger train! I'm very good at pulling passenger coaches and I do look smart with my brass dome and fine red coat!"

"Indeed you do," said the Fat Controller. "That is why I want you to pull a very special passenger train!"

The next morning, James chuffed proudly out of the engine shed. He headed off proudly to collect the special train.

"We have to stop by the station by the school," said James's driver.

When James arrived at the station, lots of schoolchildren were waiting on the platform. They all cheered loudly as they saw him.



"We are to take a school outing to the Big Harbour," James's driver told him. "The children are going to learn about boats!"

Some of the children were late. James had to wait for them at the station for a long time. James was very pleased when the Stationmaster finally blew his whistle and he could set off.

The children were so excited, they shouted all the way to the harbour. James could even hear the noise above the clikerty-clak of his wheels on the track. Suddenly, he felt his brakes beginning to stiffen and he ground to a halt.

The emergency cord had been pulled by a passenger. James's driver climbed down to see what had happened. One of the schoolchildren had pulled the emergency cord because he dropped his satchel out of the window.

schoolchildren

James was cross. "Stopping a train is a very serious business!" he grumbled.

Finally they set off again and reached the Big Harbour, but they were very late.

James had another long wait while the schoolchildren were shown around. James felt exhausted!

Eventually, it was time to return back to the station by the school with the schoolchildren. On his return journey, James felt so tired that he could hardly get up any steam.

That evening, James rolled wearily into the engine shed. He told the other engines what had happened.

"I wish I had been pulling trucks today, after all!" he sighed. "I'm sure that they are much less troublesome than schoolchildren!"

Thomas laughed, but before he had time to say a word he noticed that James had fallen fast asleep.

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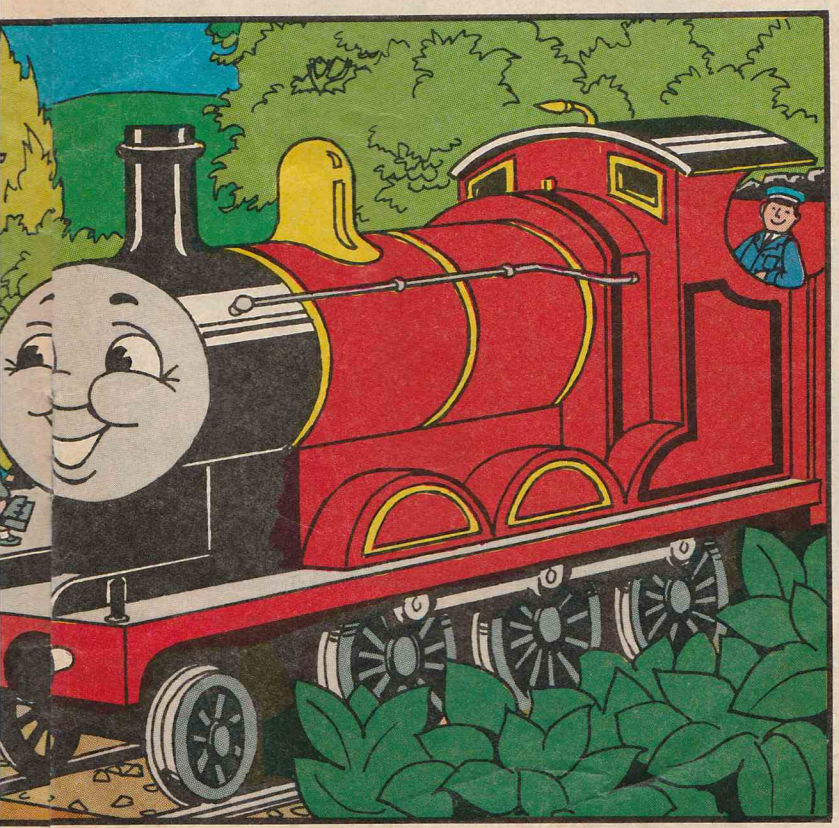

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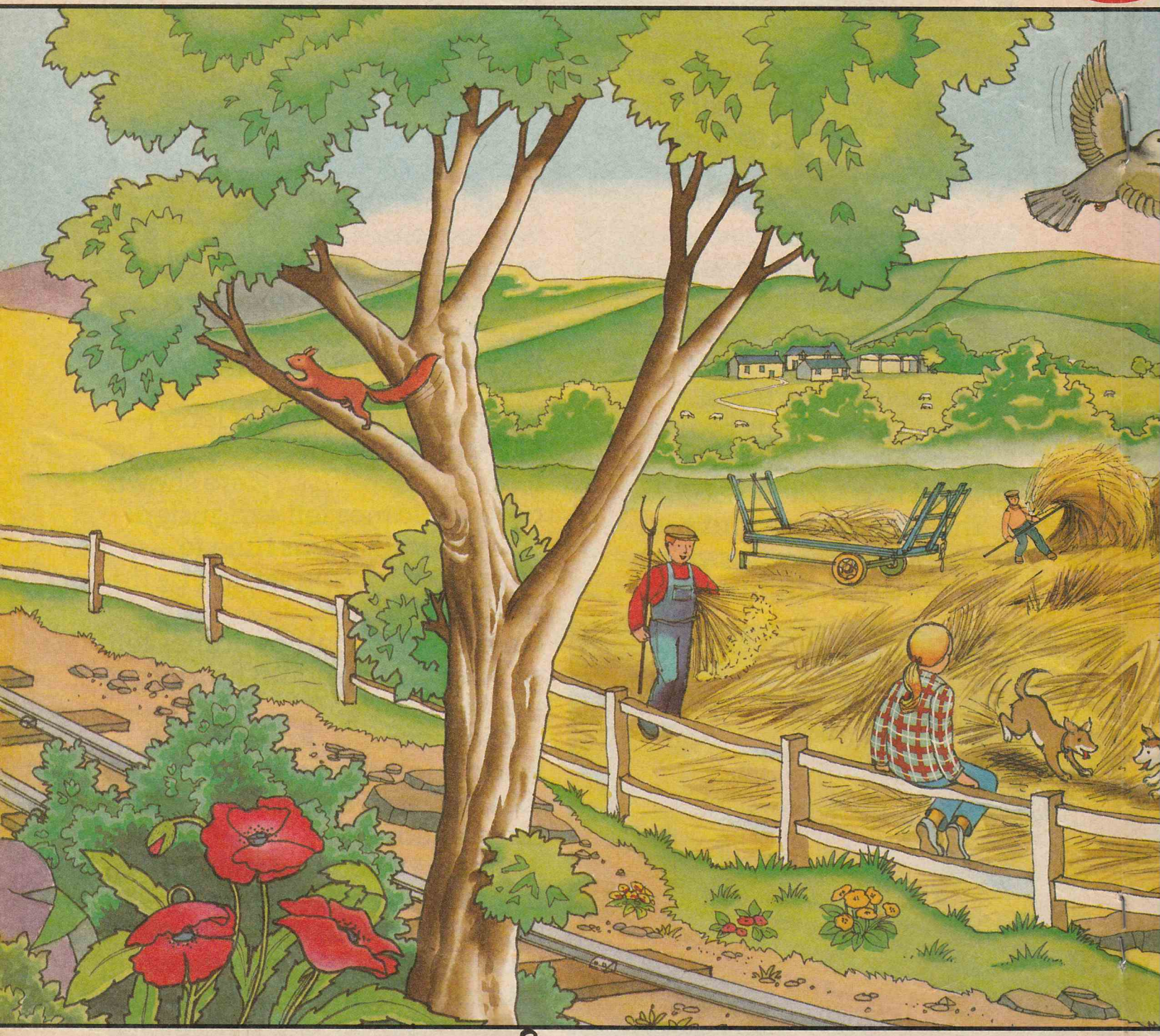

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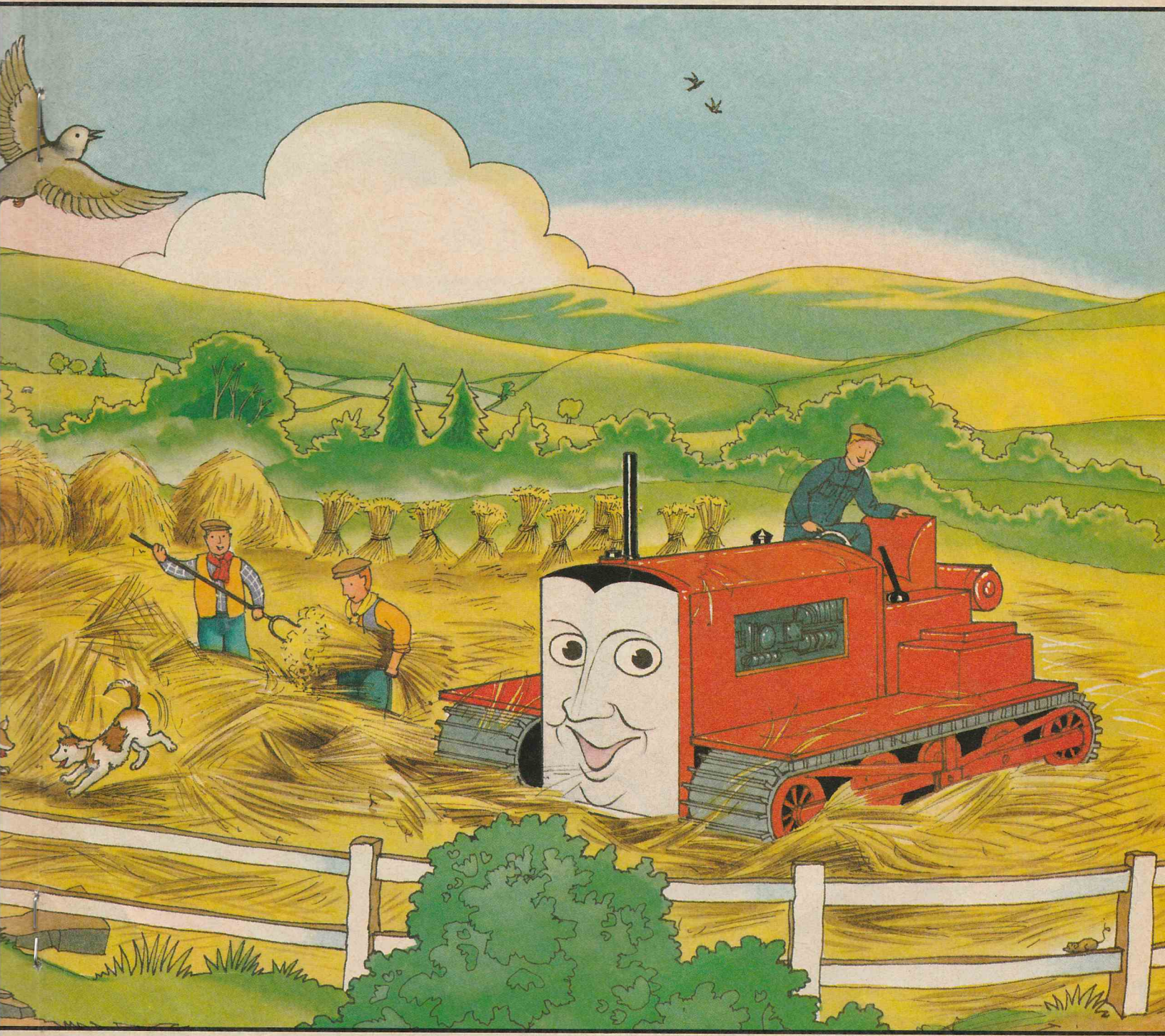

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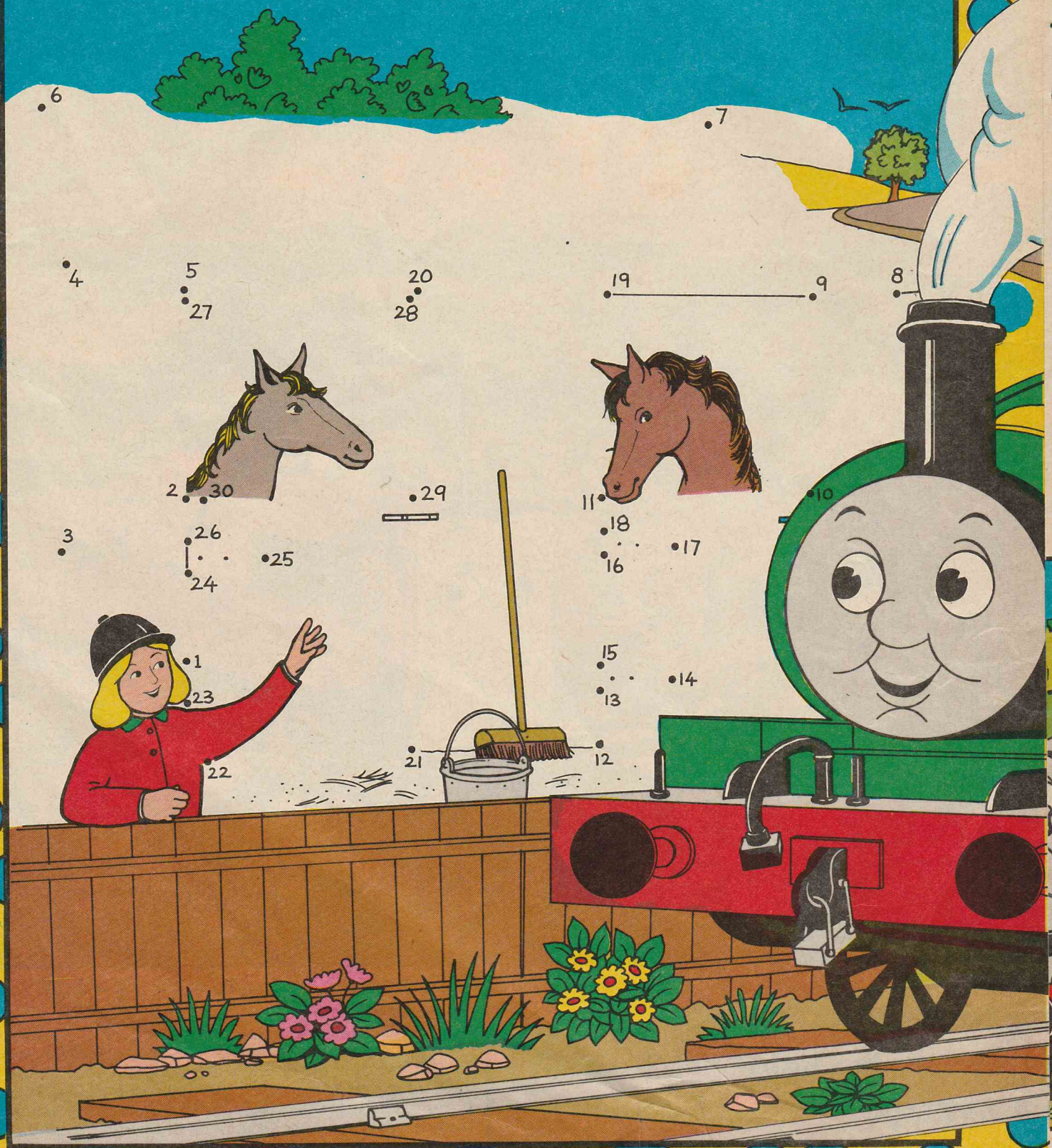
Next Issue: Alongside the farmyard!

JOIN THE DOTS!

Percy is passing by some horses today,
Join the dots and find out where they stay!



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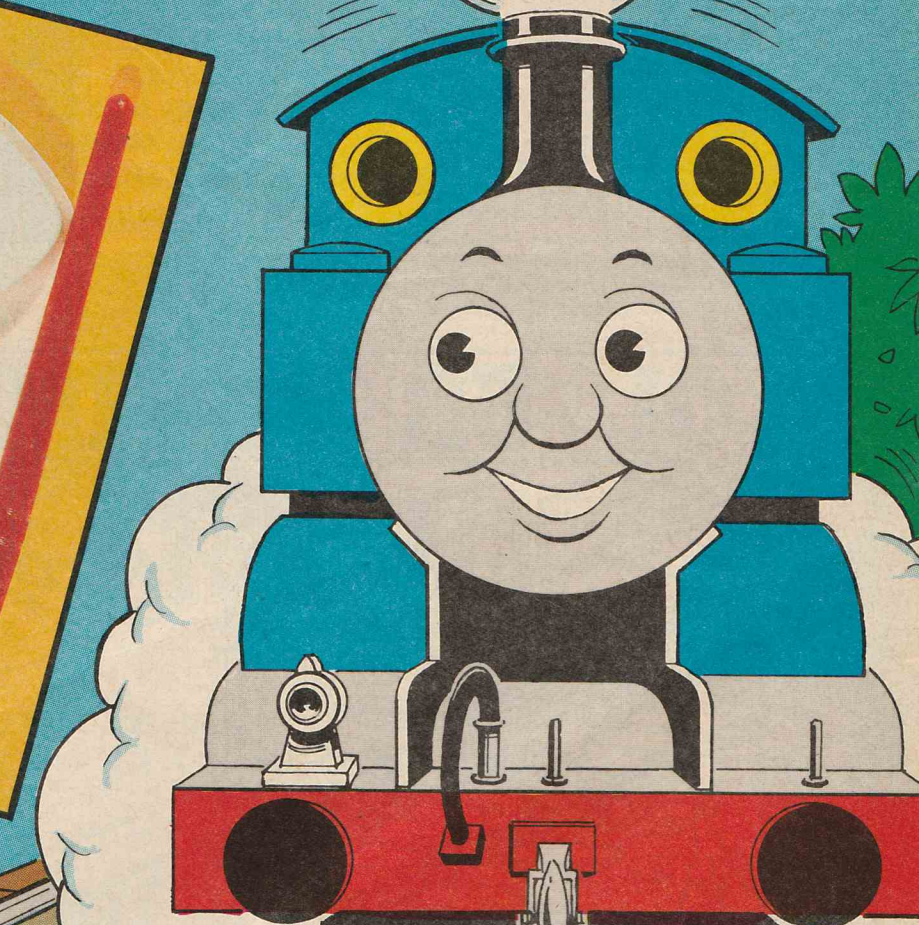

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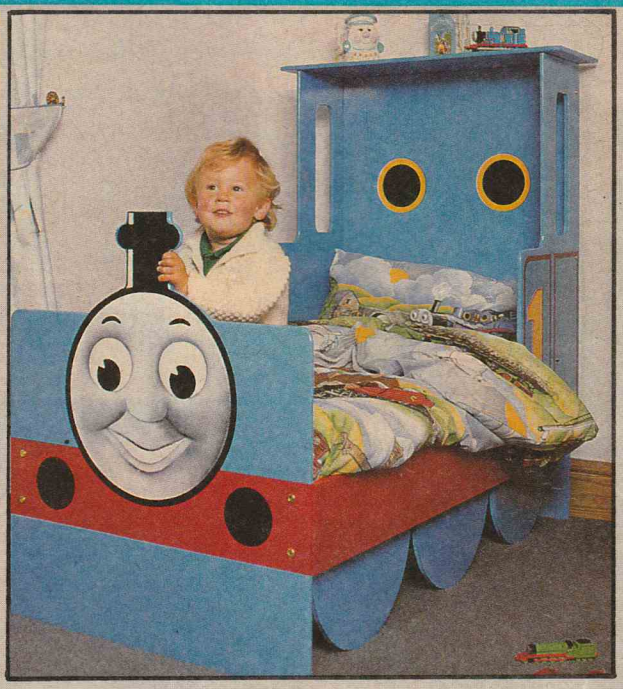

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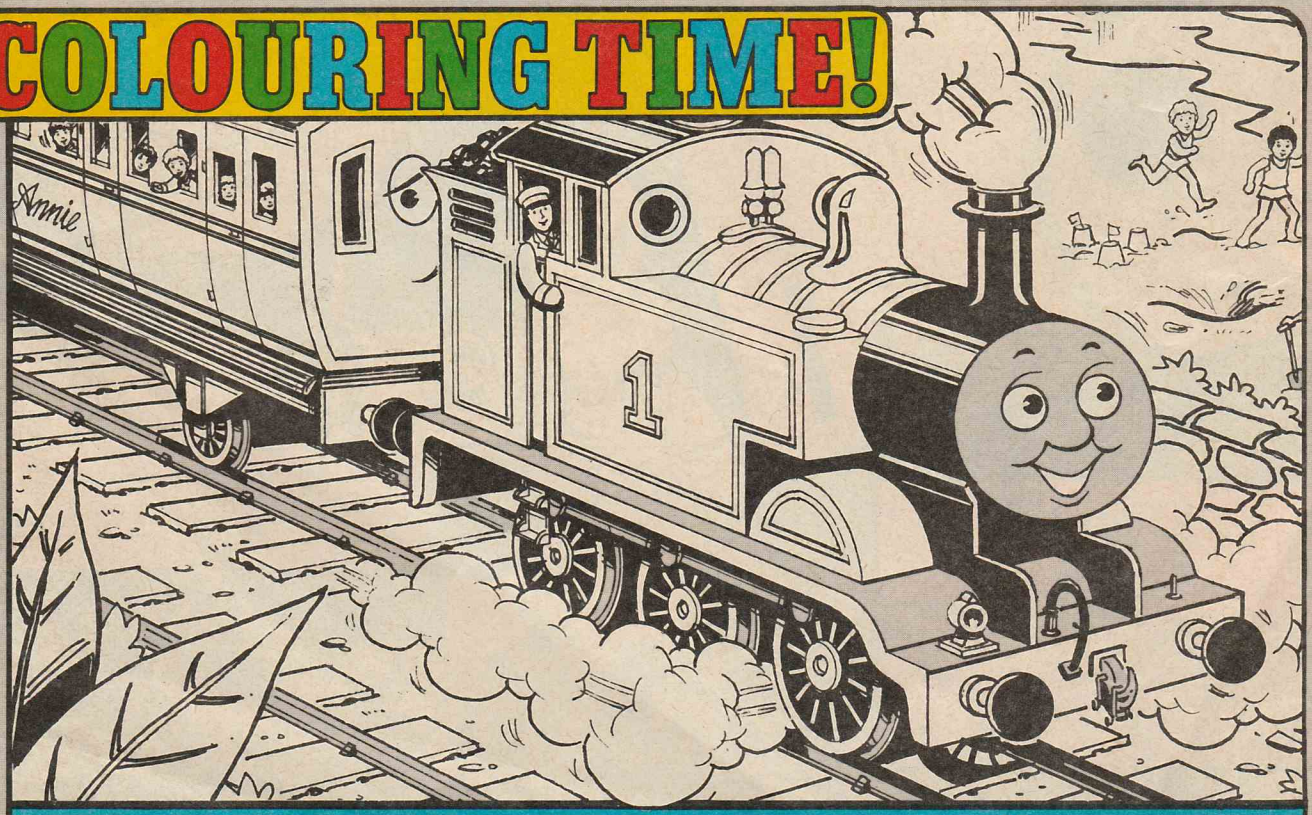
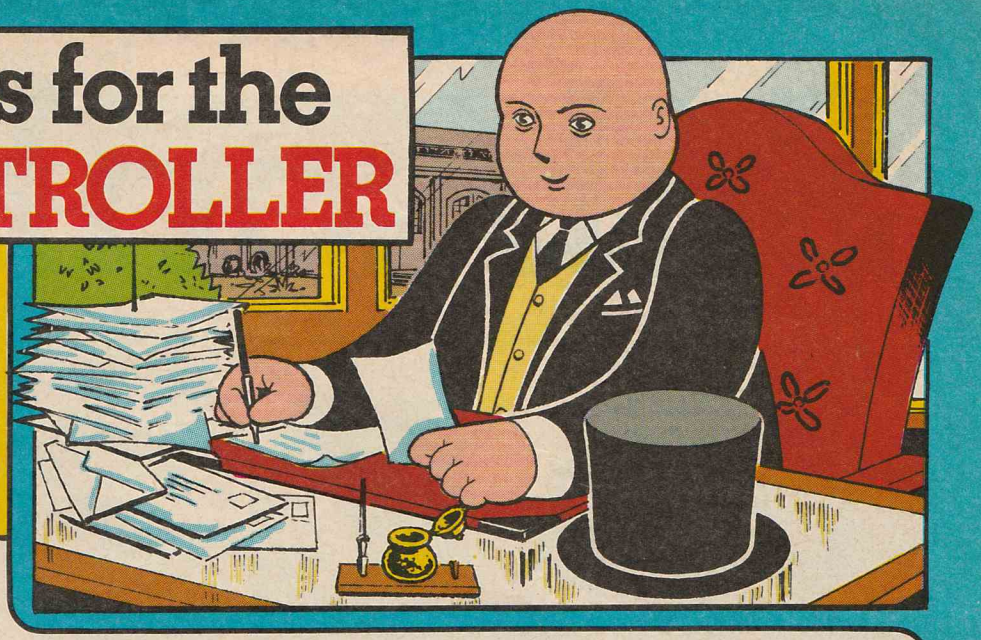


**Thomas and Annie are passing by the sea,
Colour them both – as bright as can be!**

Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller

I went to see Diesel engines in the shunting yard where my Auntie Jackie's dad works. A kind driver came out and let my brother Ross and I push all the buttons that work the horn and the windscreen wiper. The driver also gave me a guard's whistle and an orange jacket.

Love from **Ben Fraser.**

My! My! I do hope that none of the diesel engines were too naughty, as they do have a reputation for being troublesome! It sounds as if you could make a good engine driver when you grow up!

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The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid **Thomas, James** and **Henry 3-piece diecast set** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

MODEL TRAINS!

Dear Fat Controller,

My daddy has made me a wooden train set with a turntable, some sheds, a windmill and some buffers! I have all my Thomas models on it and it looks just like the Island of Sodor!

Love from **Brian Davison,**

My! My! It does sound as though you have a splendid collection of engines and a well organised railway. I do hope you continue to look after your engines well!

GRUMPY THOMAS!

Dear Fat Controller,

Thomas is a good train! He works hard but he is sometimes a little bit grumpy!

Love from **Stuart Drive.**

I do agree! I rely on Thomas to do many important jobs for me on the Island of Sodor! However, he can be grumpy after I have sent him to his shed for being naughty! Thomas is normally a very cheerful engine!

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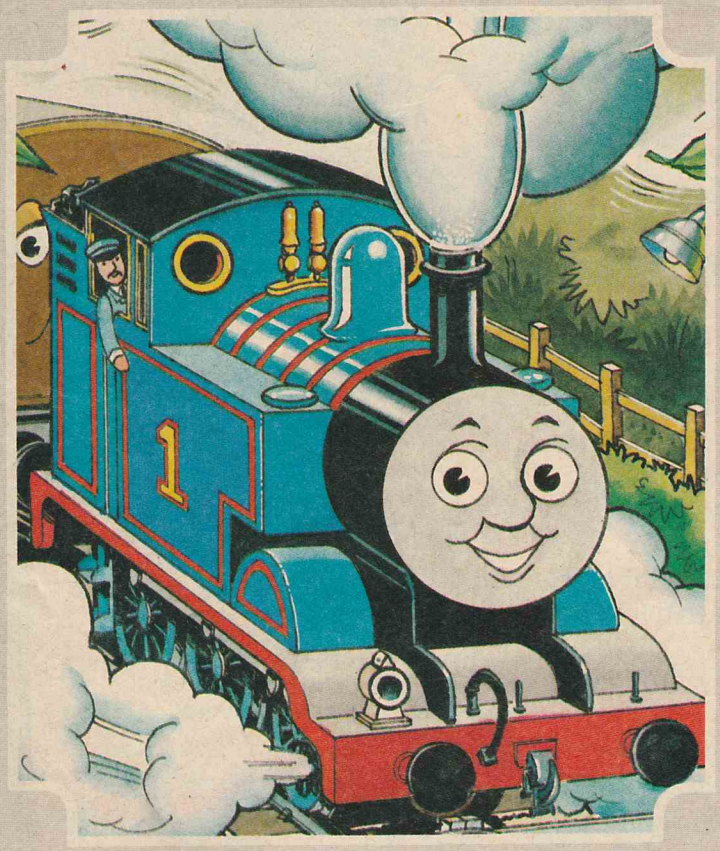

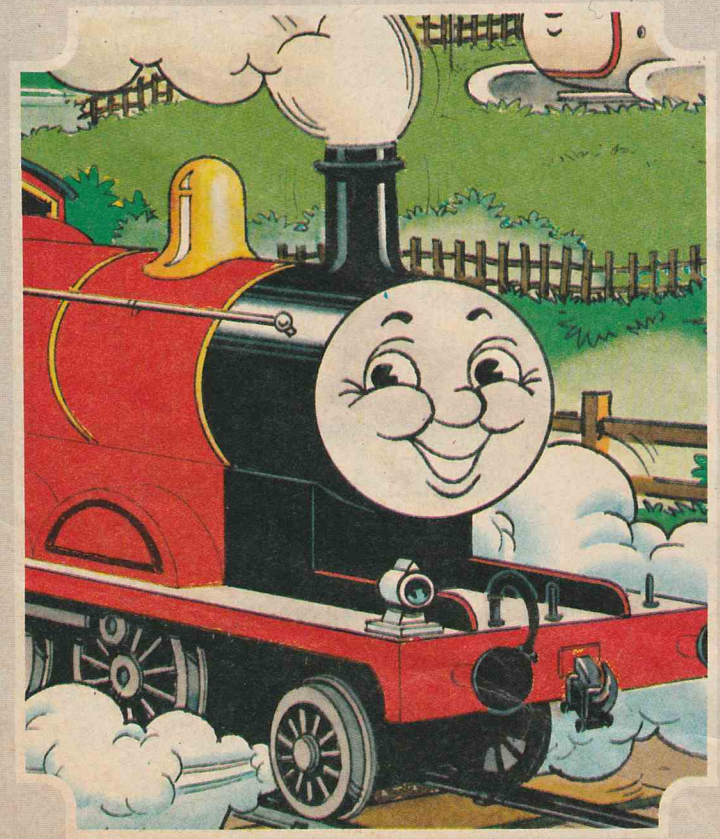

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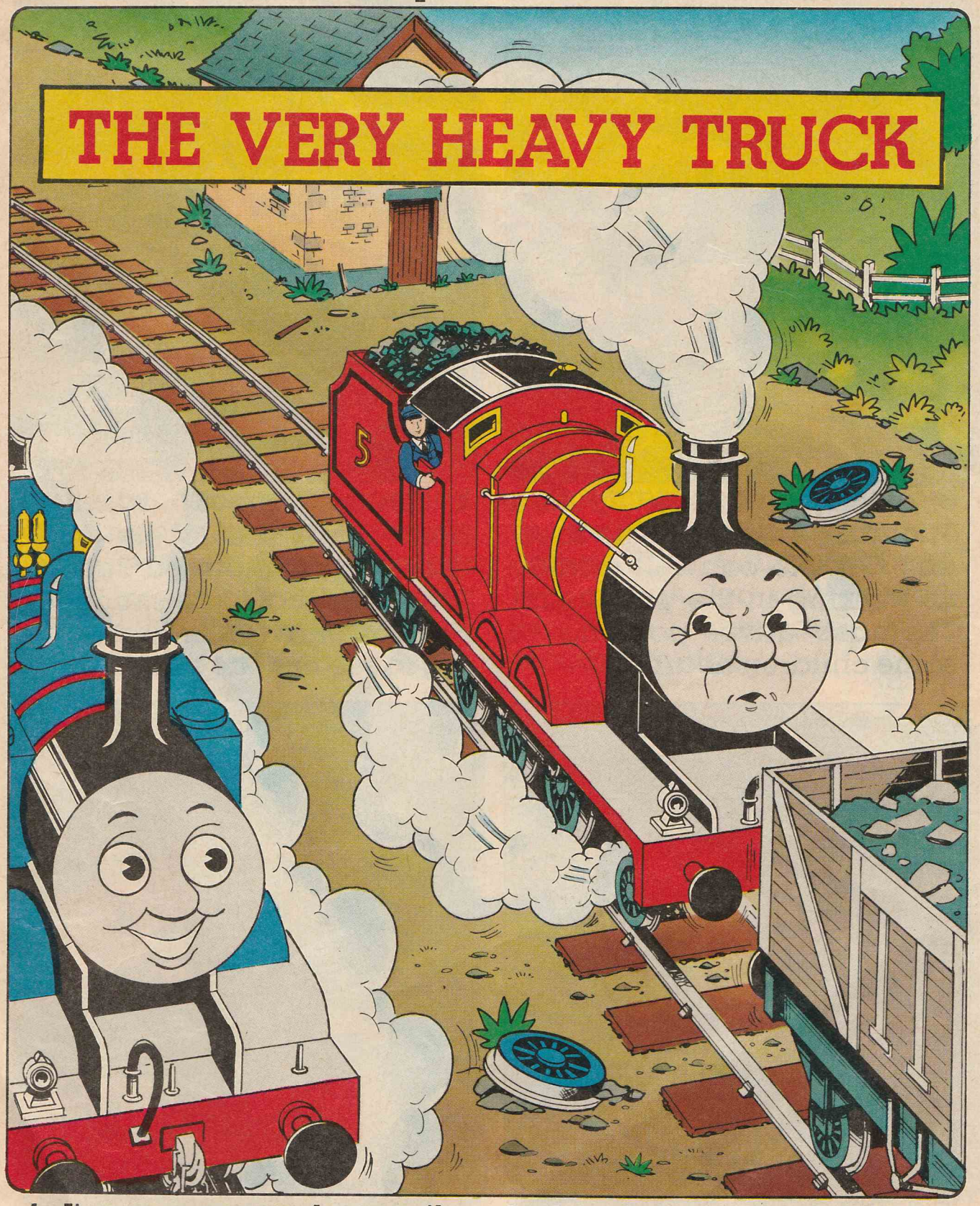
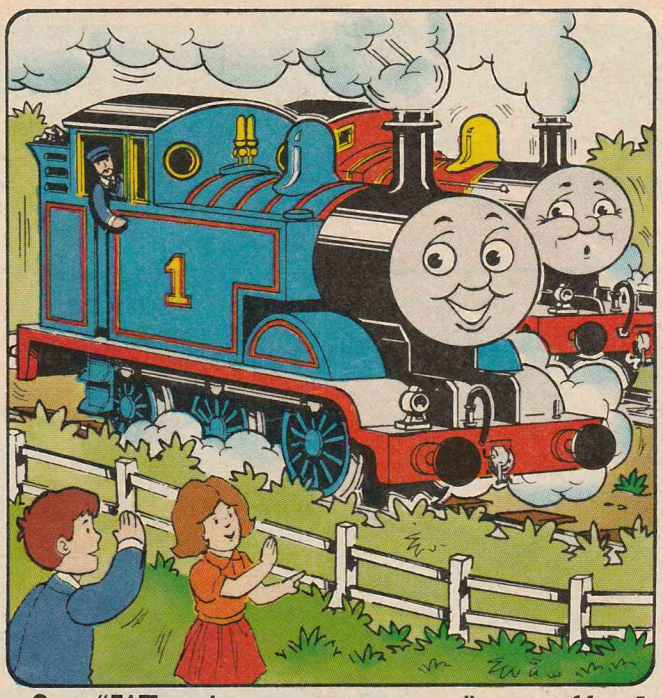
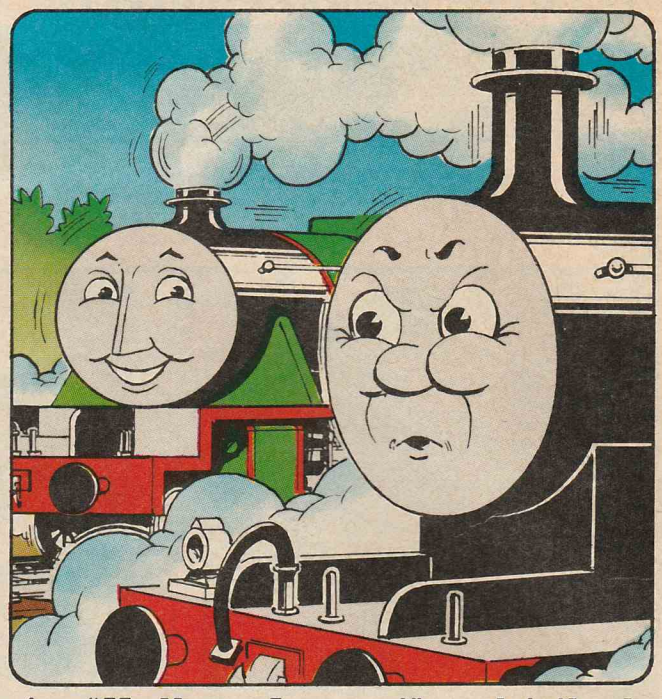


1. It was a sunny day on the Island of Sodor. James was working in the yard shunting trucks. He imagined how dazzling his red paint must look in the sunshine.

2. "I look too splendid to be shunting today. I want all the passengers at the stations to see what a fine engine I am. No-one can see me here in the yard," he complained.

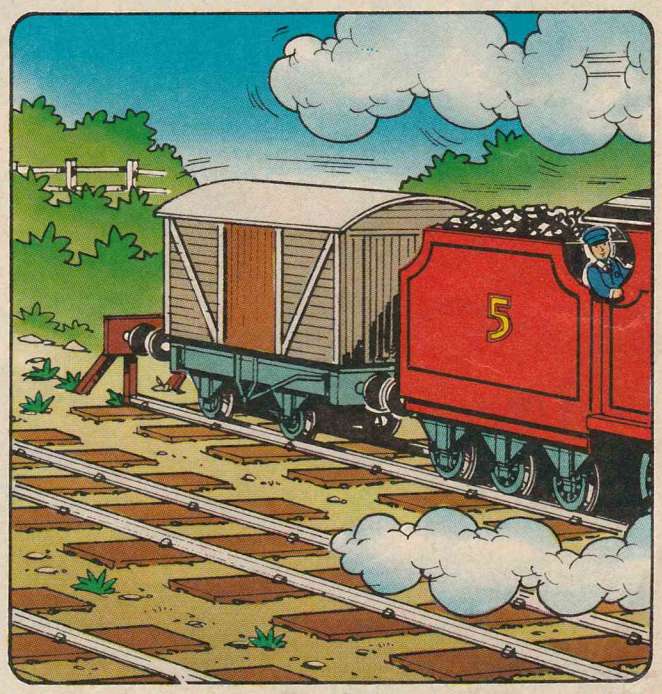


3. "What nonsense," puffed Thomas. "You just like to show off." "People can still admire us working in the yard," said Thomas's driver pointing to some children nearby.

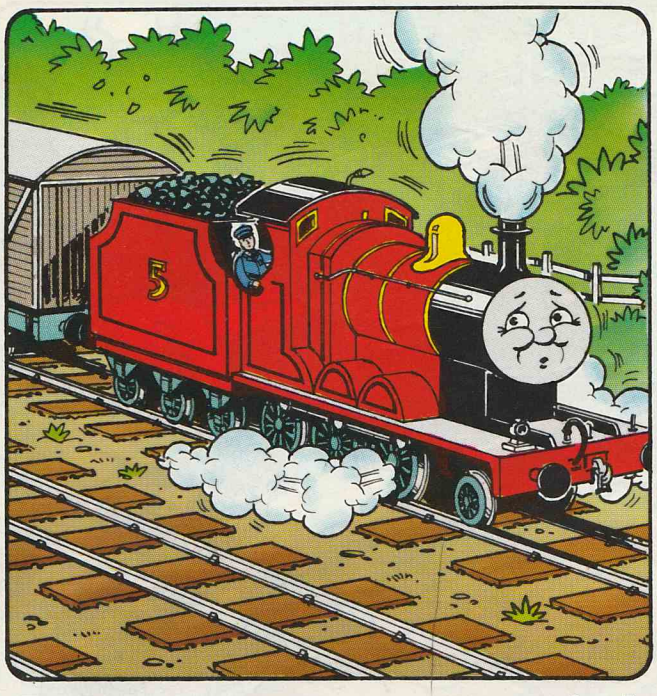


4. "Hullo, James!" whistled Henry. "Isn't it a lovely day!" "No, it isn't," moaned James. "It's far too hot to be shunting! Besides, I have admirers waiting to see me," he boasted.

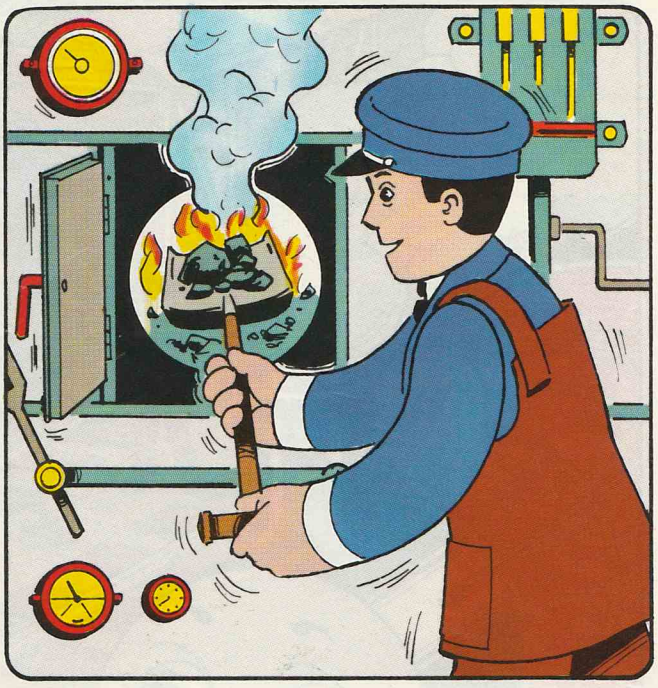
5. Later, the Stationmaster came to see James. "I have a job for you James," he said. "I hope it isn't more shunting," James replied. "I'm afraid it is," said the Stationmaster.



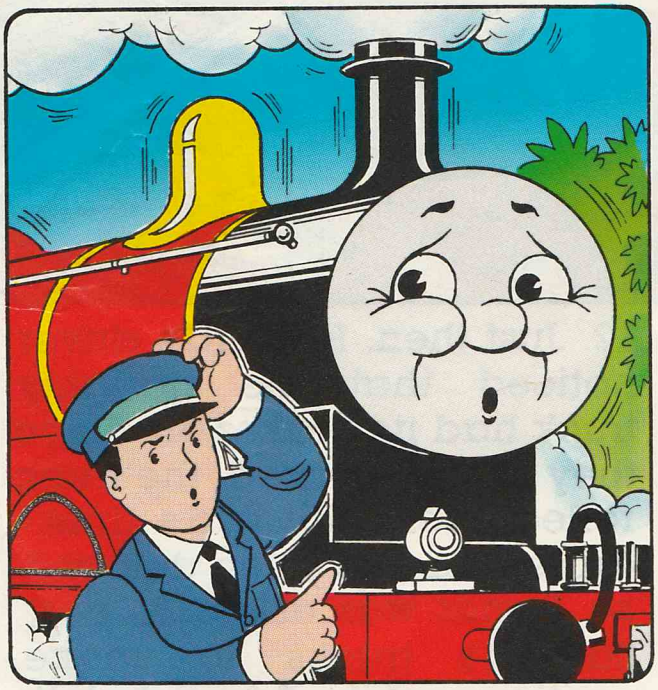
6. "I need another truck collecting for Henry's train." "Very well," sighed James and puffed off sadly. The extra truck was waiting at the end of a siding.



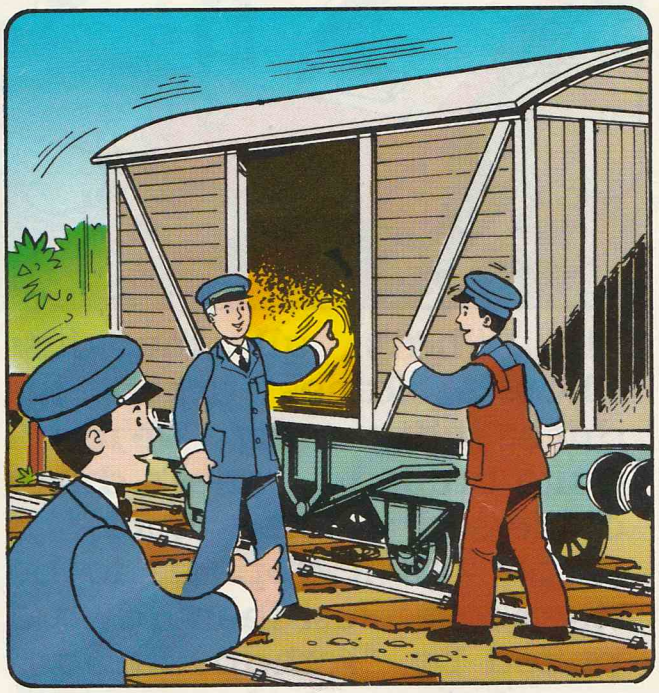
7. James was soon coupled up and he pulled forwards, but the truck was very difficult to pull! "Oh!" cried James. "This is a very heavy truck!" His driver agreed.



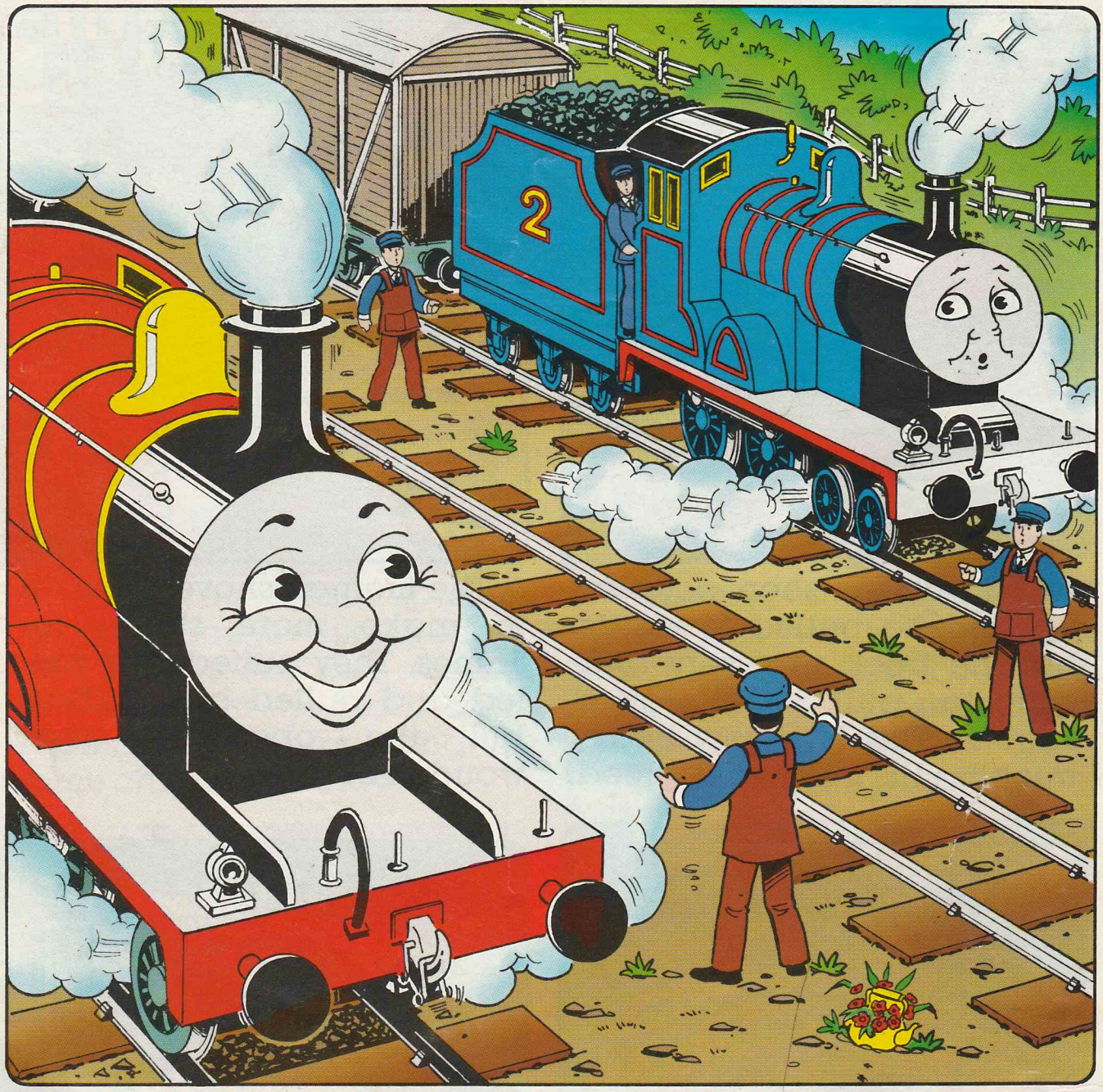
8. The fireman shovelled coal to make more steam for James. They puffed and pulled and pulled and puffed, but the obstinate truck woudn't budge.



9. "I have never known a truck to be so heavy!" James moaned. "Whatever could it have inside, James?" asked his guard. "I shall go and take a look."



10. So James's guard hurried back to the truck and peered inside. He called to the driver and fireman to look inside too. James heard them talking.



11. "What's all the fuss about?" James asked his driver indignantly. "We're all quite baffled," James's driver confessed. "The truck is empty but it appears to be stuck fast." Just then Edward puffed by. "Perhaps Edward can help us," James suggested. Everyone agreed and Edward was soon uncoupled from his own trucks.

12. Just then, Edward's driver noticed that the naughty truck had its brakes on. Once they were released, the truck rolled freely. Edward's time-table had now been delayed, so James was asked to pull Edward's trucks to make up time, while Edward delivered the truck. Now everyone would see what a splendid engine he was after all!

THE END

In our next issue: James and the trucks!